

LOCAL NEWS.

Children's day at Baker Memorial Church, Tuesday, June 13th.

Mr. J. L. DeCormis, of Shawboro, N. C., spent this week at Accomac. H. with his son, Dr. J. L. DeCormis.

The members of Harborton Baptist Church will have an all-day picnic, July 4th. Particulars will be given later.

Mrs. Sarah Ayres and Mrs. India Ross, of Accomac, spent several days this week in Cape Charles, visiting relatives and friends.

Oak Grove Church, Keller circuit will be dedicated on the 4th. Sabbath in May by Rev. Dr. Atwell, of Danville, Va. The public is cordially invited.

The annual church fair at Hall's Chapel will be held on the grounds at that church on Monday, June 12th. Everybody is cordially invited to be in attendance.

Mr. McKenny Price, of Salisbury, erected a wind mill last week and is putting in bath fixtures &c. this week for Mr. J. H. Fletcher, Jr., the fourth put up his in the town in a year.

Miss Viola Riley, of Snow Hill, Md., who has been spending the past few weeks with her sister, Mrs. D. W. Hayman, near Grape, left Wednesday to visit relatives in Baltimore and Washington.

The State School Board has reconsidered its action consolidating Accomac and Northampton counties and on Wednesday elected Mr. L. L. Nottingham, superintendent for Northampton and Mr. G. G. Joyner for Accomac.

Warner Ames, trustee in a certain deed of trust from Luther J. Scott, will on Saturday, June 3d, at 3 p. m., in front of Marsh & Bro's store on the North side of Chesconnetix, sell at public auction a certain house and lot belonging to said Scott. For further information see posters.

Joseph R. Riggs, executor of Sylvanus W. Russell, deceased, will sell at public auction, on Saturday, June 17th, 2 p. m., at Bloxom, in two tracts or parcels, valuable real estate of said deceased, free of widow's dower, situated near Bloxom Station. For full particulars see posters.

L. Floyd Neek, trustee, will, on Saturday, June 10th, 1905, at 3 o'clock p. m., in front of the Keller Hotel, sell at public auction the store house and lot, and the dwelling and lot, respectively, of Mrs. Southey S. Mapp, separately. Mr. Jno. L. Trower will show the dividing line to any one. For terms, &c., see posters.

The number of persons assessed with capitation tax in Accomac this year was 8,005 and of that number 3,685 qualified themselves to exercise the right of suffrage by paying their taxes. The number of those exempt from the payment of taxes will increase the list of qualified voters in county perhaps, to 4,100 or 4,200.

Warner Ames, special commissioner, in the suit of Andrew T. Ayres and wife vs. Edward T. Ayres and wife, will sell at public auction on Saturday, June 10th, 3 p. m., in front of the hotel in Onancock two tracts or parcels of land, located near Chesconnetix, of which Margaret A. Marsh died, seized, and possessed. For full particulars see posters.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Washington Sharretts, to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mabel Ray Sharretts, to Mr. Leroy Oldham, on Saturday, June 2d, 1905, at Brown Memorial Church, Lafayette and Park Avenues, Baltimore. Mr. Oldham, a former citizen of this county, son of Mr. Geo. W. Oldham, Temperanceville, is now a prominent druggist of Baltimore.

New advertisements in this issue of interest to you and to which special attention is invited: Onancock Hardware, Sash and Door Co.; Pocomske Machine Works; Georgetown Marble Works; G. L. Geiger & Co., Onancock; E. F. Guillette, Temperanceville; S. W. Ames, Co., Pungoteague; Eagle Mills, Pocomoke City; bankrupt sale of Cash Merchandise Co. by S. James Turlington, trustee.

Two valuable tracts of land belonging, respectively, to Severn Bevans and Charles C. Bevans' estate, and containing 35 acres and 40 acres, respectively, situated within one mile of Keller, will be sold at public auction on Saturday, June 10th, 1905, 3 p. m., in front of the Keller Hotel. Both tracts are high and sure land in high state of cultivation, with plenty of resources, good buildings and nice orchards. For terms &c. see posters and L. Floyd Neek, trustee.

Thirteen tracts of lands of John T. Finney, deceased, will be sold at public auction in front of the hotel at Onancock on Saturday, June 17th, 1905, 2 p. m. by Jno. S. Waples and Jno. W. Rogers, special commissioners, as will appear in an advertisement in another column of this paper. The real estate to be offered for sale is among the most valuable in the county, all well located and much of it in a high state of cultivation. It will be also, perhaps, the largest land sale ever made in the county, and it is safe to say, that another like opportunity will not be presented soon to secure such desirable homes and fine farming lands. The sale ought to attract buyers from abroad as well as every part of the Peninsula.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Chincoteague.

Our rural mail delivery will start June 1st.

Mrs. S. G. Davis is visiting her husband at Richmond Hospital.

Messrs J. T. Kenney and son Nat, former citizens, visited us last week. Feddeman & Twyford have sold their grocery business to Mr. John Hopkins.

Dr. J. H. Ayres and Mr. R. P. Coleman, of Accomac C. H., were here this week on a business trip.

Miss George Smith, of Hagerstown, Md., has been employed as assistant by Miss G. A. Hammond.

Handsome dwellings are being erected here by Wesley Jeffries, Charles Davis and Wallis Wheaton.

Mr. Marcus Rowley has accepted position of mate on steamer plying between Long Park and Ocean City, N. J.

Misses Bettie Hill and Mary Conant are home for vacation from Farmville College and Rev. Harry Jester from Westminster.

Mr. William Jones, who left here a few weeks ago to join the sanctified band, has returned home and has enough of it.

A party of thirty from Onley and Accomac C. H. arrived here on an outing of five days on gasoline boat of Capt. W. H. Lang. It was a jolly party and all one way for U. S. Senator.

Mr. Major Cherricks died on the 18th inst., of consumption aged 28 years. He was a well known merchant of the Island and a member of Heptasophis and Jr. O. U. A. M. His wife and several small children survive him.

Mr. Edgar Hopkins, Second Assistant Keeper of Assatague Lighthouse for the past 16 years, died on the 20th inst. aged 41 years. He was a good citizen, loving husband and well thought of by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and five small children.

Arrivals at Atlantic Hotel this week: Thos. Powell, S. R. Truman, A. J. Schul, Baltimore; J. J. Bailey, S. Greenwall, E. W. Purnell, E. Buchman and wife, E. L. Festus, H. H. Mitter, Philadelphia; M. E. Selby, S. A. Brown, Wilmington; W. A. Rose, Boston; S. B. Hayes, Columbus, O.; W. H. Howard, Berlin; J. J. Hearn, Snow Hill; W. P. Selby, Stockton; J. S. Benson, Salisbury; N. B. Rich, C. J. Jew, J. W. Duncan, B. F. Crockett, J. S. Waples, Accomac.

Cape Charles.

Mr. L. E. Mumford is in New York on a business trip.

The Town Council has decided to purchase a street sprinkler.

Mr. Whately Nottingham has resigned as salesman with Brown's Bargain House.

Mr. C. G. Smithers returned Tuesday from Washington, where he spent some time.

Mrs. Wm. Ayres and Mrs. Louis Ross, of Accomac, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ayres.

Mrs. F. H. Moore returned Tuesday from a visit of several weeks to relatives at Durham, N. C.

Misses Frances McGuire, of Richmond, the guest of Mrs. J. G. Rodgers several days last week, returned to her home Saturday.

Mr. W. B. Fitzhugh has announced that at the request of many friends he is reconsidering his determination not to be a candidate for the Legislature.

Mr. A. G. Manahan returned Thursday from Williamsport, Pa., where he attended the annual convocation of Knights-Templar of Pennsylvania.

Messrs. Otho F. Mears, R. L. Ailworth, Gardner Nottingham and Stanley Scott appeared before the State Board of Education, at Richmond, on Wednesday, requesting the Board to reconsider its decision making Accomac and Northampton counties one school superintendency.

Parksley.

Mr. Jeff D. Grinnalds, of Baltimore, were here a few days ago.

Mrs. L. T. Collins is at the home of her relatives near Salisbury.

Dr. F. Drummond and Mr. R. T. Hickman spent Wednesday in Norfolk.

Mrs. S. T. Walter and children are visiting their parents at Hebron, Md.

Mrs. W. H. Miles and son, of Atlantic, are spending the week with family of Mr. Oscar Ewell.

Mrs. Harry Hart, of Greenbackville, spent the week with the family of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Colona.

Mrs. G. T. Scott, who has been under an eye specialist at Norfolk for treatment, has returned home improved.

Mrs. Edward Wimbrough and son Joe, of Birmingham, Ala., arrived here this week on a visit to relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. J. Parks and daughter, Miss Addie, are on a trip to Baltimore. They will also visit the former's son at Chester, Pa., before their return.

Mrs. Edward T. Parks and daughter, Miss Mabel, left a few days ago for a stay at Ocean City. They will also probably extend their trip to Cape May, N. J.

For clothing that fits, style that pleases and quality that wears see Ames, Mills & Co.

"Planet Jr." cultivator, the best implement for working sweet potatoes. For sale by T. S. Hopkins & Co., Tasley Va.

Don't make a mistake in buying paint. Ask for the paint that looks best and lasts longest, manufactured by Wm. Waterall & Co. For further information see their agents advertised in this paper.

Onancock.

Mrs. Bettie R. Broughton spent Sunday in Norfolk.

Miss May Kellam is the guest of friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. Charles Cullen, of Georgetown, Del., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Bettie M. Custis, at "Melrose."

Rev. J. W. Cammack, pastor of the Onancock Baptist Church, is on a visit to his parents in Orange County.

Mr. William C. West spent a few days in Baltimore and Norfolk looking after team for his piling business.

It is stated here that Mr. S. D. Rulon, of Exmore, sold his fast gelding S. D. R., (Sam Hot) 2:30, while at the Norfolk Fair last week to a party in Washington for a handsome price.

Capt. E. B. Latham, of the United States Coast Survey, who has recently completed a thorough survey of the lands and waters of the Eastern Shore, after spending a few days in this town, left Monday for Washington.

A very interesting gentleman—Mr. Guy Hall—a native Virginian, has been a visitor to the town this week. Mr. Hall spent over two years in the Klondike seeking his fortune with the other numerous gold miners. The gentlemen, it appears, had a most successful trip. He has a handsome watch chain made of gold nuggets dug from the fields of Klondike by his own hands. He is an excellent talker and can entertain by the hour with tales of his and others' hardships, thrilling escapes and daring adventures. He is traveling around now seeing the different section of Virginia and America, but expects to return to Alaska in the near future.

Horntown.

Miss Blanche Parker is visiting friends in Pocomoke.

Miss Simmons, of Maryland, spent the week with her aunt, Mrs. Harris.

Miss Elizabeth Byrd, of Baltimore, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. D. Evans.

Mrs. Mary Watson, of Salisbury, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Townsend.

Mr. Jessie Evans, Jr., left for Jersey City last week to accept a position on the N. Y. P & N. R. R.

Mr. Ben Hope, of lower Accomac, was the guest of his brother, Mr. Laws Hope, this week.

Miss Virginia Berry, who has been teaching for the past eight months on Tangier, returned home last week.

There will be services at the M. E. Church, South, Sunday night, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Winn.

Mrs. Lang and grandson, Mr. Wm. Lang, of Temperanceville, spent a day with her niece, Mrs. M. E. Watson last week.

There will be a "Birthday Social" on Whit Monday. Proceeds for the M. E. Church, South. Ice cream and other delicacies will be served.

The "Horntown Dramatic Club" will have their drama, "Diamonds and Hearts," Tuesday, June 20. Further particulars will appear later.

Mearsville.

Misses Carrie Bailey and Mamie West, of Portsmouth, are visiting Miss Elsie Gladding.

Farmers in this vicinity report only a half crop of strawberries, the shortest for many years.

A cargo of clams was taken to Crisfield last week by Capt. David Young and Louis Taylor. They report a dull market for clams at present.

Mr. Clarence Gladding has put his bateau, Guy Elva, in racing trim, and is open for a challenge from any boat of equal size for a suit of colors.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Ora C. Poulson, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. James Poulson, of this place, to Mr. James Mears, Jr., a popular young man of Belinda.

Miss Elsie Gladding gave a very delightful social to a party of friends on Monday evening last. Among the guests were Misses Carrie Bailey, Mamie West, Mamie Trader, Clara Chase, Alice Wessells, Fannie Chase and Viola Byrd; Messrs. Lee Byrd, Elmer Somers, Romie Trader, Elmer Smith, Lawson Gladding, Fannie Poulson, Harry Somers and Charles Poulson. After indulging in various games, at a late hour elegant refreshments were served. In leaving all voted her the most charming hostess of the day.

Onley.

Capt. Sam East lost a valuable cow last Sunday.

Mr. Jeff D. Jacob made a business trip to Pennsylvania this week.

Mr. Levi Core, formerly of this county, is now located in Portsmouth.

On Monday 200 crates of strawberries were brought to our station for shipment.

A wind mill is being put up here for Mr. L. J. Savage by Mr. Smith, of Salisbury.

Rev. M. A. Adams will preach at Onancock Sunday morning and at Onley in afternoon.

A branch barrel factory, 50x100 feet, will be built by Mr. W. Bull & Bro. in Sluthkill Neck.

Mr. Wm. Beachboard, brother of Agent Beachboard, broke his ankle a few days ago.

Misses Cordie Savage and Eunice Rogers returned this week from a visit to friends in Salisbury.

We are agents for the "OSO" hammock (the neatest and best hammock we ever had in stock) guaranteed to hold 1,000 lbs.

Ames, Mills & Co.

The buyer of R. L. Shield & Co., arrived home this morning with a large invoice of fine clothing.

Wachapreague.

Dr. John W. Kellam made a business trip to Baltimore last week.

Mrs. H. W. Davis returned home Saturday, accompanied by her mother.

Mrs. J. T. Mears and children are visiting relatives and friends in Northampton.

Mrs. Annie C. Nock, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith.

Mr. N. J. W. LeCato and a party of young men of New York city are in our lower waters, gunning, fishing, &c.

A series of meetings will begin Sunday night, 28th inst., in Presbyterian Church, conducted by Revs. Charles Friend and H. W. Davis.

Mrs. Sinah Smith, who has been in Pensacola, Florida, for the past two years, has returned home, accompanied by Mr. Clyde Smith, wife and children and now are at the home of Mr. Edgar J. Smith.

Hopeton.

Mr. H. T. Sargent was called to Salisbury last Saturday by the death of a friend.

Rev. J. D. Harte will preach here on the evening of the 28th of this month, 7:30 p. m.

The drama, "Old Maids' Club," presented by the young people of this place in town hall at Bloxom on the evening of the 20th was well attended and a big success. It will be repeated in Kent's Hall, Parkersley, on Friday night, June 2d, 7 o'clock. Public invited. Admission, adults 20 cents, children 10 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Byrd attended the marriage of their brother and sister, Mr. Edward Grey and Miss Annie Byrd, in Baltimore, 16th inst. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. Wm. R. Byrd, 712 Lafayette Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd returned to their home in Hopeton on following day.

Baptist Sunday School Convention.

The thirteenth annual session of the Baptist Sunday School Convention of the Accomac Association will be held with the Cheriton Baptist Church, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6th and 7th.

Program.

Tuesday, June 6th.

Morning Session.

10:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises—Benjamin Thomas.

10:30-11—Reports from Schools.

11:15—Organization.

11-12—Sermon—J. W. Cammack or J. K. Goode.

12-12:30—Miscellaneous business.

Intermission until 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

2-2:15—Devotional Exercises—Oliver Baker.

2:15-2:45—How to overcome the present day ignorance of the Bible?—J. K. Goode and T. C. Kelley.

2:45-3:30—The use of graded lessons and the principles underlying the grading of the schools.—J. D. Harte and G. G. Joyner.

3:30-4—The importance of object and blackboard teaching.—R. S. Monds and B. T. Gunter.

4-4:30—How are Superintendents and teachers to be properly trained for their work?—J. M. Street and M. A. Adams.

Open discussion.

Adjournment.

Wednesday, June 7th.

Morning Session.

9:30-10—Devotional Exercises—T. H. Pruitt.

10-10:30—The character and work of a teacher outside of the Sunday School.—J. W. Hundley and L. M. Copeland.

10:30-11—Should the Superintendent teach a class regularly?—C. L. Corbett and Richard Edwards.

11-11:30—How can the social feature in our Sunday School be improved?—S. F. Rogers and J. W. Reams.

Open Discussion and report of committees.

Intermission until 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

2-2:30—Devotional Exercises—H. R. Boggs.

2:30-3—How can we reach the non-Sunday Schoolers in each community?—J. W. Cammack, F. H. Farley.

3-3:30—Should Missions be taught in the Sunday School.—C. Clement, Wm. Guy.

3:30-4:30—The Sunday School and Bible Board.—J. M. Pilcher and S. U. Grimsley.

Miscellaneous Business.

Final adjournment.

Ministers' Conference.

The Minister's Conference will meet at Cheriton Tuesday night, June 6th. This is our anniversary meeting. Let all attend. If any cannot take the part assigned please notify me at once.

Program.

1—Report of pastors.

2—The object and aim of pastor's conference. Rev. Chas. Clement.

3—Laughable incidents in a pastor's life. Rev. C. L. Corbett.

4—The trials of a pastor. Rev. J. W. Hundley.

5—The joys of a pastor's life. Rev. J. D. Harte.

Speeches limited to 15 minutes.

M. A. Adams, Sec.

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The Onancock Public High School Announcements for Session of 1905-1906.

The District School Board of Onancock has borrowed \$3,000 for the purchase and improvement of the buildings and equipment during the present summer, and when they are done, will have provided the largest as well as the best fitted school house in the county. The building will contain six grade rooms, an office, and a large assembly room—all fitted with new desks and seats.

The course of study will be extended to include, besides the seven grammar grades, four high school grades, with two courses for graduation, namely, the English course, including full four years high school work in English, Mathematics, History and Civics, and Science and the Classical or College Preparatory course in which German or Latin may be substituted for some of the work in History and Civics and Science. High School arithmetic, which has hitherto been taught only in one grade, will be a part of the mathematics work in every higher grade, continuing without a break, the work of the lower grades. The work is distributed as follows:

Grade VIII—Grammar, Algebra, Ancient History, Latin, Physical Geography, Spelling.

Grade IX—Rhetoric, Algebra, Modern History, Latin, Botany, Spelling.

Grade X—Rhetoric, Plane Geometry, U. S. History, Latin, German, Spelling.

Grade XI—Literature, Solid Geometry, Civics, Latin, Physiology, German, Spelling.

The work of the high school grades is identical with that of the best city high schools, the fact that the system of annual promotions instead of semi-annual ones, which is necessary in the crowded city schools, making this possible with fewer teachers. Departmental work on the part of the teachers above the third grade will be instituted, three being four different teachers in the higher grades, and four in the lower by this method, each teacher teaching the branches for which he or she is best prepared.

Drawing will be taught free in the first eight grades by Miss Mary Fosque once a week. Basketry, ratio mat making, and the like will be taught free to the pupils of the first six grades by Miss Francis Taylor, who has taken special instruction in that line of work.

The High School has made astonishing progress in the last three years. Starting with only 3 teachers and about 100 pupils, it has now seven teachers and enrollment of over 200. The high standard of the course and the quality of its work is shown by the fact that it is published in the University of Virginia catalogue as one of the 25 preparatory schools in the whole South which are approved and accredited.

And to which an annual scholarship is given. Its graduates may enter without examination the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, Randolph-Macon Men's and Women's colleges, Woman's College of Baltimore, and Richmond College, all of whom have recently adopted uniform entrance examinations. It is the only school on the Eastern Shore of Virginia so honored.

It is supported wholly by the school funds accruing to the Onancock School District, and exists primarily for the children of Onancock. The enlargement of the facilities, however, will make it possible for more pupils to enter from outside of Onancock at a low cost of tuition, but its authorities desire to compete with no local graded school that may, through the generosity of its patrons, have instruction afforded in higher grades. The Onancock School fully meets the new requirements of the Virginia State Board of Education and stands on its merits as a school worthy of the patronage of any parent on the Eastern Shore who is intending to send his or her child off of the Shore, or who has not equally good home opportunities.

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Children's Day.

The Wardtown Baptist Church will celebrate Children's Day, June 4th, exercises beginning promptly 8 p. m. We expect this celebration to excel all others in the history of the church. Come one, come all, and be sure your purses are well filled before leaving home.

Pastor.

Letter to George Crockett.